ST status to Goud castes of Bihar

†*374. PROF. RAM DEO BHANDARY: Will the Minister of TRIBAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Goud caste of Bihar has been declared as Scheduled Tribe *vide* Government's notification No. S.R.O. 2477 dated 28th October, 1956 and all the benefits had been provided to it;

(b) whether this tribe is not getting such benefits at present in the State;

(c) whether Gouda in English, Gond, Gonad, God are synonyms for the same tribe; and

(d) if so, the action proposed to be taken by Government to restore the benefits to this tribe in the State?

THE MINISTER OF TRIBAL AFFAIRS (SHRI P.R. KYNDIAH): (a) and (b) The Goud Community has not been notified as Scheduled Tribe (ST) in respect of Bihar State *vide* Government's notification No.S.R.O. 2477A dated 29.10.1956. The members of Goud community are, therefore, not entitled for getting the benefits meant for Scheduled Tribes.

(c) No, Sir.

(d) Does not arise.

AIR centres

*375. SHRI BALAVANT *ALIAS* BAL APTE:
SHRI KRIPAL PARMAR:

Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the radio centres opened in the country during the last three years; and

(b) the number of AIR centres proposed to be opened during 2005-06?

THE MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI S. JAIPAL REDDY): (a) The details are given in the Statement. (*See* below).

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.